Food for poor children in Bihar

*47. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to probe the scam in food for the poor Bihar children, as reported in the Indian Express dated 18th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of steps proposed in this regard; and

(c) the action proposed against those who misappropriated the aid in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Report No. 2, for the year 1999) in respect of State Government of Bihar has observed some irregularities in implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in Bihar. Subsequently, a Public Interest Litigation (CWJC No. 6881 of 2000) was also admitted in the Patna High Court. The Hon'ble Court has called upon the Central Bureau of Investigation to enquire into the matter in detail. Suitable action will be taken by the State Government following the Directions/Judgement of the Patna High Court.

Setting-up of Organ Banks

*48. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to set up any organ banks in the country for the purpose of organ transplantation;

(b) if so, the names of places where these would be set up;

(c) whether any provision for some concession has been made for poor people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?